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of the Year

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National Rankings Again Favor Maryland

National recognition of Maryland's academic programs continued to expand with the publication this week of the new U.S. News and World Report rankings of graduate schools nationwide. Several programs made significant gains, and others ranked high in new categories. Prior to these new rankings, the university boasted of having 61 academic programs in the top 25 nationally. It appears that at least 63 programs will now fit that category.

The College of Education moved from 22nd to a tie for 21st with Boston College. In the education subspecialties, Counseling and Personnel Services remained ranked number one, Special Education jumped from 10th to 5th, and Higher Education Administration jumped from 14th to a tie for 8th with Columbia and Arizona.

The printed edition of the magazine lists only the top 10 schools in each subcategory, but expanded lists will be available on the U.S. News Web site. Last year, Education had 11 subspecialties in the top 25.

U.S. News issued new rankings in the sciences for the first time in several years, including several new categories in which Maryland did well. Math jumped from 21st to 16th, in a tie with Rutgers. In the new category of Applied Mathematics, the university tied for 11th with Carnegie Mellon and Texas. Physics moved from 14th to 13th, and the subspecialty of Condensed Matter/Low Temperature Physics has Maryland 10th. The subspecialty of Non-linear dynamics/chaos physics did not get a new ranking, so Maryland remains ranked first. Computer Science went from 11th to a tie for 12th with Georgia Tech. Maryland ended up in a nine-way tie for 45th in Biological Sciences and a four-way tie for 43rd in Chemistry. The university is not in the top 10s of any of the subspecialties.

The rankings for social sciences and humanities were not updated this year. The most recent rankings are published in the April 8 issue, but they range from one to four years old.

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University Names New Vice President

The University of Maryland named J. Dennis O'Connor, currently undersecretary for science at the Smithsonian Institution, to be vice president for research and dean of the graduate school.

O'Connor brings a broad background in higher education and science to the position, having served as chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh and as vice chancellor of research, vice chancellor of academic affairs and provost at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has held his current position at the Smithsonian for two years, and was provost of the institution for four years prior. He will start his new position at Maryland by July 1.

"I am delighted that Dr. O'Connor has agreed to join our leadership team," said Maryland President Dan Mote in announcing the appointment. "His extraordinary experience in higher education, particularly in distinguished research institutions, and his knowledge of

federal science enterprises support perfectly the university's strategic plans for developing its research enterprise."

A biologist, O'Connor was on the biology faculty at the University of California, Los Angeles and there served as dean of the life sciences for six years and chair of the Department of Biology for two years.

"The University of Maryland is poised to markedly enhance its reputation as one of the great research universities in the nation," said O'Connor. "It is an honor to have the chance to contribute to its continuing development. With its outstanding faculty, a history of highly respected scholarship and its location in the heart of the federal research endeavor, Maryland is the place to be right now."

The university received more than \$300 million in funding last year for sponsored research and training activity, much of it from the federal government. Total research expenditures

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U.S.-China Science and Technology Park Inaugurated



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

On April 2, the University of Maryland and the People's Republic of China's Ministry of Science and Technology officially announced their initiation of preparations to establish the U.S.-China Science and Technology Park in Maryland. This is the first collaborative research park venture between the two countries, and is also China's first overseas science and technology innovation park. Following the signing of the agreement, a ceremony and reception was held in the lobby of the Main Administration Building.

Above, President Dan Mote distributes NCAA championship T-shirts to each speaker (l to r: the Ministry's Secretary General Shi Dinghuan; Daniel Gunderson, assistant secretary of the Department of Economic and Business Development of the State of Maryland; Ben Wu, Deputy Undersecretary for Technology at the U.S. Department of Commerce; and Jin Xiaomin, Minister Counselor for Science and Technology at the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C.). The speakers were introduced by Institute for Global Chinese Affairs Director Chuan Sheng Liu.

Alumna Turns Love of University, Skills into Career

During the summer of her last year in college, Lisa Press found herself in the command center of an international competition being hosted by the university. It was a hectic, need-to-know-it-all situation involving hundreds of people and countless details. She loved it.

Press turned that love into a career. She is the newly appointed assistant director of meeting planning with Conferences and Visitor Services (CVS), providing consultation services, coordination and planning for conferences and meetings on and off campus. Though it wasn't what she envisioned for herself upon graduation from the University of Maryland in 1993, she is happy she "fell into" it.

"I was undecided, but leaning toward child psychology. Then psychology became a limited enrollment major and I would have needed so many classes to even get into the pool, that I

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Unlocking the Secrets of the Past for a Greater Future

A key to humanity's interconnectedness, and genetic diversity, comes from a burial ground in New York City. A freezer in a campus lab holds this key and scientist Fatimah Jackson can't wait to show people how it works.

Jackson, with the Department of Anthropology and an affiliate with the biology department, is the genetics group leader for the African Burial Ground Project in New York. Uncovered in 1991 during construction of a government building in lower Manhattan, the area holds the remains of thousands of Africans and those of African descent buried between 1712 and 1790. After much public outcry, construction was halted and plans were made to preserve and study the findings. Once research is complete, the bones will be reinterred and a memorial built.

Several research groups were created around areas of study such as origins, life and the ancestors. Jackson's team

is extracting DNA from some of the bones in an attempt to link the dead with regions in Africa. It is a complex task for which there are many expected outcomes, not all of which are realistic. Jackson says many people would like to be able to connect the remains with particular countries, or trace their own ancestry back to specific tribes through DNA matches.

"It seems like a simple request, but we can't do that exactly," says Jackson. "It's very difficult to take someone back to a particular village. There were prisoners of war taken to different nation states and regions and a great deal of social destruction, and this was going on before enslavement."

What Jackson and her team of geneticists can do is work to find regional genetic markers and match them with that of modern day Africans. The process begins by contacting

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: APRIL 9-15

TUESDAY

april 9

7:30-8:45 p.m., An Evening with Langston and Martin Kay Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Actors Danny Glover and Felix Justice offer critically acclaimed portrayals, and readings of the works of, Martin Luther King Jr. and Langston Hughes. The cost is \$10 for students, \$30 general audience. For more information, contact Beth Workman at 5-5722 or bworkman@bsos.umd.edu.*

12 p.m., Xinjiang: China and Political Islam in the Post-Taliban Era 0105 St. Mary's Hall. With Justin Rudelson, executive director, IGCA; George Quester, professor; and Graham Fuller, scholar and author. Sponsored by the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs.

12 p.m., Investors Group Meeting 6137 McKeldin Library. Authors John May and Cal Simmons ("Every Business Needs an Angel") will discuss a new form of funding for start-up companies—angel investing. The meeting is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, call Frank Boches at 5-9126.

12:30-2 p.m., Political Violence Seminar Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. The Center for Historical Studies presents author and journalist Tome Segev and Madeline Zilf speaking on "Post-Zionism and Israel's New Historians." For more information, call 5-8739.

4:15-6 p.m., Perspectives on Minority Achievement 1121 Benjamin. The Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education (MIMAUE) will host "Professional Development for Teachers." Panelists include: David Stofa, principal, Bladensburg High School; Kathy Volk, Maryland State Department of Education; and Richelle Patterson, American Federation of Teachers. For more information, contact Martin L. Johnson at mj13@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.education.umd.edu/MIMAUE.

WEDNESDAY

april 10

7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Commuter Appreciation Day

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8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course Training: Introduction to MS Access 4404 Computer & Space Science. Intended for those with some experience using spreadsheets, but no experience creating or manipulating databases. Participants will learn to: understand database concepts and terminology; design and create tables; create data forms for viewing and inputting data; summarize and group data, and more. The fee is \$90. For more information or to register, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc.*

12-1 p.m., Research and Development Presentation 0114 Counseling Center, Shoe-maker Building. Topic: "Helping Academically Dismissed Students Succeed." With Marcia Fallon, director, Learning Assistant Service. For more information, call 4-7651.

7:30 p.m., Spring Jazz Showcase Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Featuring UM "Monster" Jazz Lab Band and UM Jazz Combos led by Chris Vadala, one of the country's premier woodwind artists and director of UM Jazz Studies. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.umd.edu/music/calendar.

THURSDAY

april 11

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Personnel Services Seminar: New Approaches for Effective Projects 1101U Chesapeake. A workshop intended for project leaders, team members for research projects and grant applications, or anyone interested in improving their project management skills. The cost is \$100. For more information, contact Natalie Torres at 5-5651 or traindev@accmail.umd.edu, or visit www.personnel.umd.edu.*

3:30-4:30 p.m., Statistics Seminar 1313 Math Building.



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With Adrian Dragulescu speaking on "Beyond Black-Scholes: Probability Distribution of Stock Price Changes in a Model with Stochastic Volatility." For more information, contact Ben Kedem at 5-5061 or bnk@math.umd.edu, or visit www.math.umd.edu/stat/seminar.html.

3:30-5:30 p.m., Images of Renaissance Art in Victorian Fiction & Poetry 3215 Art-Sociology Building. With Leonee Ormond, professor of Victorian studies at King's College, University of London, who has written widely on the relationship between literature and the fine arts in the Victorian period. Ormond is the author of books on George du Maurier, Frederick Leighton and J.M. Barrie. For more information, contact Adele Seeff, 5-6830 or as18@umail.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Graduate Concert by Connie Fink Dance Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The ticket price is \$10. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.*

FRIDAY

april 12

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Graduate Symposium: Languages Connect Cultures Multipurpose Room, St. Mary's Hall. Keynote speaker Sara Lennox, University of Massachusetts, will explore the intersections of language, culture and literature beyond the boundaries of tradition. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Roxane Riegler at riegler@wam.umd.edu.

11 a.m.-5 p.m., Decision Making in Complex Environments 1100 ITV Building. The seminar is about advanced decision making with the Analytic Network Process (ANP),

Rankings: Gains Made

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Engineering moved from 18th to 19th overall, while Business was tied for 43rd with Penn State and Florida. Management Information Systems maintained its ranking of 9th.

Outlook will publish a full analysis of the U.S. News and World Report graduate school rankings and the meaning of such rankings as a measure of the university's progress and quality in a future issue.

and an introduction to its software Super Decisions. For more information, contact Gabby at 5-4905 or itv@eng.umd.edu.

12-1:15 p.m., Department of Communication Series 0200 Skinner. Edward Schiappa, University of Minnesota, presents "Beyond Representational Correctness: Thoughts on Evaluating Representations in Popular Culture." For more information, contact Trevor Parry-Giles at 5-8947 or tp54@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.comm.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Graduate Concert by Connie Fink Dance Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. See April 11.

8 p.m., Guest Recital: Harry Sparnaay, Bass Clarinet Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Dutch virtuoso Harry Sparnaay in a concert of music for solo bass clarinet. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.umd.edu/music/calendar.

SATURDAY

april 13

8 p.m., Trio Fontenay Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Germany's most eminent piano trio in a program featuring Richard Strauss, Antonin Dvorak and Felix Mendelssohn. Single ticket price is \$25. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.*

SUNDAY

april 14

7:30 p.m., Student Conductor's Concert Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Graduate students of the orchestral conducting program lead the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.umd.edu/music/calendar.

MONDAY

april 15

1-2 p.m., Entomology Colloquium 1140 Plant Sciences. With Joel Kingsolver, Department of Biology, University of

North Carolina, Chapel Hill. For more information, call 5-3911 or visit www.entm.umd.edu.

4 p.m., Center for Historical Studies Seminar on the Role of Women and Femininity in the European Enlightenment 1102 Francis Scott Key Hall. Refreshments served at 3:30 p.m. Kontler's paper will be distributed in advance. For more information, contact Stephen Johnson at 5-8739 or historycenter@umail.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Women in Theatre: Magdalena Gomez, Marty Pottenger, Alva Rogers Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Three women artists reveal their diverse perspectives in an evening of vignettes about culture, wealth, gender and slavery. Single ticket price is \$20. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.*

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Press: Hard Work and Planning Pay Off

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said forget it," says Press. She settled into sociology easily because it required some of the core courses she had already taken, though she was still unsure about what to do with the degree.

"I knew I didn't want to do social work and I didn't want to be a teacher."

Still undecided, she answered an ad in the *Diamondback* for temporary summer workers. It was the university's turn to host *Odyssey of the Mind*, a program that brings students from all grade levels to a college campus for a week of creative competition. Press felt being in the command center was the perfect place for her and told Pat Peretto, director of CVS, and Associate Director Sue Warren after the competition to keep her in mind for future jobs. A stint working to help coordinate the national history day contest, another large event the campus hosts annually, grew into a full-time summer student employee position with CVS. Upon graduation, Press took a contract conference coordinator position planning meetings.

A complete restructuring of the office in 1998 resulted in a position as senior program manager and a gradual shift from summer conferences to meeting planning. Press was recently promoted to assistant director. Under the new Registration and Meeting Planning Services, Press offers the campus community assistance with the logistics of conference and meeting planning, primarily at off campus venues (including the Inn and Conference Center). Services might include such things as site selection, contract negotiation and management of meetings at off-campus hotels, assistance in developing a conference budget, coordinating mailings, contracting with outside vendors for exhibits, and transportation, audio visual and other services tailored to meet the specific needs of the particular conference. She has



Lisa Press, sitting outside Annapolis Hall where Conferences and Visitor Services is based, fell into the perfect job.

worked on events such as the Fowler Colloquium sponsored by the Performing Arts Library and the International Leadership Association sponsored by the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership. Press also has a regular, ongoing relationship with the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Nutrition, assisting with its many events. Her offsite work has taken her around the country and will also include some international travel.

"I've always liked planning things. My friends say that I'm not spontaneous. I am working on it, but when we get together I often make the plans, call everyone and coordinate. My mom liked to plan parties, I guess that's where I get it," explains Press. "I guess you could say I'm a perfectionist and a control freak."

Whatever personality traits Press may possess, they work in her and the university's favor. She receives high praise from Warren and clients. "Throughout her career with Conferences and Visitor Services, she has been a dedicated, committed and tireless worker," says Warren. "She has received praise from just about every faculty, staff or other client who she has provided service for."

Written evaluations offer comments such as "Your special attention to so many

details really made the event go well..." and "Lisa Press was an invaluable resource to us... She demonstrated unending dedication, professionalism, flexibility, patience and a great sense of humor. She was available to us virtually 24 hours a day."

Press admits that she gives a lot of hours to her job, working until everything for which she is responsible is right. "My friends tease me that I'll never meet that someone special because I work so much, but I meet a lot of interesting people through my work. I like what I do and I do what I need to be happy with the output."

Not that Press sits home and watches TV during her off hours. She regularly sees plays and concerts, goes out with friends and takes a cruise every year. When a friend's mom's travel agency had two fan cruises booked simultaneously, guess whom the agency asked to help run one of them?

It's a good life, she says, that is made so in part by where she works and with whom she works. A Maryland native—who applied only to the university when considering college—Press also didn't consider taking her planning skills to Washington, D.C., where she may make more money or work in a large firm. "This is a beautiful campus and a great place to work," she says.

O'Connor: Smithsonian Yields Candidate

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doubled over the past five years at Maryland.

"One of the great things about Maryland is that it has significant research activity across the board in all disciplines," O'Connor said.

"I am confident that Dr. O'Connor will help increase the impact of Maryland's research on the region, the nation and the world," Mote said. "We are very excited about our future."

In his current position, O'Connor oversees a number of museum and research insti-

tutes at the Smithsonian, including the National Museum of Natural History, the National Zoological Park and Conservation Research Center, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, the Environmental Research Center near the Chesapeake Bay, the National Science Resources Center and other organizations devoted to scientific research or support for research activities.

The Chicago native has his bachelor's degree from Loyola

University, a master's from DePaul and a doctorate from Northwestern University. His own research activities have included more than 80 published papers and more than three dozen invited lectures. He has taken an active leadership role in numerous professional and community organizations as well.

O'Connor is married to Anne O'Connor, a distinguished specialist in oncology nursing. They have three married children and four grandchildren.

Smith School, Naval Postgraduate School to Offer Defense-Focused MBA

The Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland has teamed up with the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, Calif. to deliver a unique defense-focused Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. The combined MBA program, which begins in fall 2002, is open to military officers and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians. It is the nation's first program of its kind.

"The U.S. military is the largest, most complex business in the world, and therefore all of its senior executives should possess an advanced understanding of commercial practices and procedures," said Howard Frank, dean of the Smith School and former director of the Information Technology Office of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) at DoD. "By combining the Smith School's world-leading core business curriculum with the defense expertise of NPS, we can provide defense personnel with the unique skills they need to make the military the more efficient and business-oriented institution it strives to be."

The combined MBA program will provide students with core management and leadership skills in key business areas such as e-commerce, supply chain management, strategy and marketing, as well as a unique understanding of business operations within the federal gov-

ernment and the U.S. Department of Defense. Smith School faculty will teach the first "core" business courses comprising 27 credit hours, with the remaining "defense-focused" courses, also comprising 27 credit hours, taught by NPS. The typical student will complete the program in 33 months. Classes will be held on alternate weekends at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C., on a schedule similar to the Smith School's regular weekend part-time MBA program.

"We've felt a great need to offer an MBA program in Washington, D.C., because of the area's large population of military officers and civilian DoD employees interested in seeking defense-focused graduate degrees," said Douglas Brook, dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy at NPS. "The Smith School partnership is a big win for both the military and these personnel, who cannot leave their posts and relocate to California to pursue graduate educations."

Prospective students must apply to and meet the admissions requirements of both the Smith School and NPS. The degree awarded to students who successfully complete the program will be a combined MBA degree, granted by the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland and the Naval Postgraduate School.

Jackson: Genetic Links

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African governments and their scientific communities to ask for cooperation in collecting gene samples. Jackson stresses that any such endeavor must be collaborative. Genetic databases will be set up—and left—in Africa with workshops held to provide training on their use.

"Ethics is paramount in our research," she says. "We are not going in, grabbing genes and running out."

"Cameroon is the first place we're going to work. It's known as Africa in microcosm. It has a lot of physical and ecological diversity" that is mirrored in its inhabitants.

These genetic variations can also provide valuable medical information. A biotech company working with the project is helping scientists to evaluate thousands of genes simultaneously. They will be able to find markers for hypertension, diabetes, sickle cell, as well as pinpoint particular genes that protect against disease. "We hope to learn about genetic susceptibility to diseases so that people can modify their diets and other aspects of their lives to improve survival. We have a chance to intervene with knowledge," says Jackson.

For all of her work to show genetic diversity and its importance, Jackson hopes her research shows how similar humanity is, that "social categories are not meaningful in a genetic sense. Genes don't care what body they're in. We've found a Benin version of sickle cell in southern Italy and it's not all explained by some enslaved person."

"This is the 21st century. We have no more time for fantasy. The ancestral homeland of humanity is Africa. Humans have inhabited Africa longer than any place."

She understands the psychological desire many African Americans have to connect with Africa, much like the connection that was made after the nation viewed Alex Haley's "Roots." However, she wants to stress that from a genetic perspective, a person's African ancestors are "no more or less valuable than that ancestor you have from Europe or Asia or anywhere else. Everyone really is everyone else's relative. We're all mixed up. We have biological lineages that fold into each other. This is a way to reunite people, to show our commonality."

For Your Interest

Scholnik Named Outstanding Woman of the Year



PHOTO BY LAURA LEE

The President's Commission on Women's Issues presented this year's Outstanding Woman of the Year Award to Ellin K. Scholnik, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and professor of psychology, on April 2. Scholnik, who has done much of her academic work in developmental psychology since first coming to the university in 1967 as an assistant professor, accepted her award with a brief talk on liberal feminism in the university. The award was presented by President Dan Mote.

Remembering Vietnam

Historian Lewis Sorley, drawing from his book "A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America's Last Years in Vietnam" and from his biographies of Generals Creighton Abrams and Harold K. Johnson, will compare and contrast the earlier and later years of American involvement in the war, discuss major U.S. and Vietnamese personalities, evaluate the impact of technology on conduct of the war, document the true nature and accomplishments of the Vietnam veteran, and appraise the contributions of expatriate Vietnamese to America's economy and culture.

The lecture and book signing will take place Tuesday, April 30 at 12 p.m. in Lecture Room D at the National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park. Copies of the books will be available for sale and there is parking on site. Call (202) 208-7345 for reservations or more information.

To Your Health, Strength

Learn about the benefits of incorporating strength training into your workout plan from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9 at the Center for Health and Wellbeing. At noon on April 10, come hear the latest research on the various fad diets, and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on April 16, join others for "Let's Talk About it: Drugs and Alcohol."

All programs take place at

the Center for Health and Wellbeing, a satellite office of the University Health Center located in room 0121 of the CRC. You do not have to be a member of the CRC to attend programs. Call (301) 314-1493 or email treger@health.umd.edu for more information.

To Be A Muslim Woman

On Wednesday, April 10 Muslim women on campus will gather at the Nyumburu Amphitheatre from 12 to 3 p.m. to share their life experiences and dispell the stereotypes of Muslim women around the world.

The amphitheater will be filled with women from all over the world, including the United States, Turkey, Bosnia, Pakistan, Syria and Afghanistan who believe that modesty is a strength and that Islam gives them the ultimate freedom.

For more information, contact duaa@wam.umd.edu.

Standard First Aid and Infant/Child CPR

Learn how to act in emergency situations and to recognize and handle life-threatening emergencies, such as respiratory or cardiac problems, illnesses and injuries. This nine-hour course includes CPR and First Aid for adults, infants and children.

Campus Recreation Services will be offering this two-day course on Saturday, April 20 (9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) and Sunday, April 21 (12:30 to 5 p.m.). Register online, www.crs.umd.edu;

payment can be made by credit card. The cost is \$50. The last day to register is April 13.

For more information, contact Laura Sutter at (301) 405-PLAY or ls220@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.crs.umd.edu.

Appreciating Commuters

Commuter Appreciation Day, held this year on Wednesday, April 10, is a campus-wide program sponsored by Commuter Affairs and Community Service with the support of numerous other campus departments and groups. The day honors commuter students with activities, information, food and prizes.

With several panels, presentations and services, Stamp Student Union will be the center of much of the activity on Commuter Appreciation Day. Many locations are offering discounts or giveaways to students who wear their "Proud to be a Commuter" button. Button-wearers can receive:

- 20 percent discounts on all Terrapin Shop, General Books and Supplies merchandise at the University Book Center
- A prize from Chevy Chase Bank (while supplies last) and
- Free Washington Post with any purchase at the Union Shop (while supplies last).

Button spotters will be looking for button wearers in the Union and across campus.

Buttons are available at the Union Information Desk, Commuter Affairs and Community Service (1150 Stamp Student Union), and at various locations across campus prior to and on the day of the event. A detailed schedule of the day's events is available on the Commuter Affairs and Community Service Web site (www.umd.edu/CACS). For more information, contact Leslie Perkins, (301) 314-7250.

Textual to Spatial Analysis Using ArcView

The Libraries will offer a free, hands-on workshop on the conversion of text information to geographic information. Geocoding and conversion of latitude and longitude will be covered. Familiarity with ArcView is a prerequisite. Advance registration is also required; visit www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html.

The workshop will be held twice, in 2109 McKeldin Library, on Thursday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday, April 30 from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact User Education Services at (301) 405-9070 or ue6@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html.

Coast Guard's Role in Homeland Security

Admiral James M. Loy, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, will speak on the role of the Coast Guard in homeland security on Thursday, April 18 at

4:30 p.m. in 1410 Physics Lecture Hall.

Commandant of the Coast Guard since May 1998, Loy has focused his leadership on restoring Coast Guard readiness and shaping the future of the Coast Guard. Loy served as the Coast Guard Chief of Staff from 1996-98 and Commandant of the Atlantic Area from 1994-96. A career seagoing officer, Loy has served tours aboard six Coast Guard cutters, including commands of a patrol boat in combat during the Vietnam War and of major cutters in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The lecture is sponsored by the Council for Security and Counter-Terrorism Studies and the Center for American Politics and Citizenship in cooperation with the National Defense University. RSVP to lmadison@umresearch.umd.edu.

CPR for the Rescue Pro

Learn the specialized skills and techniques to professionally respond to emergency situations. Campus Recreation Services will offer this two-day course Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. Registration can be done online at www.crs.umd.edu and payment can be made via credit card. The cost is \$65.

For more information, contact Laura Sutter at (301) 405-PLAY or ls220@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.crs.umd.edu.

What a Family Reads

"Diverse Bookes of Diverse Sorts: A Gentry Family and Its Reading in Early Seventeenth-Century England," presented by Eric Lindquist, Libraries, Tuesday, April 16 from 12:30-2 p.m. in room 0135 Taliaferro Hall. Sponsored by the Center for Renaissance & Baroque Studies. The Works-in-Progress series, begun in 1998, enables scholars who study the early modern period to share their latest research and to benefit from an informal roundtable discussion of their current projects.

For more information, contact Karen Nelson at (301) 405-6830 or kn15@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.inform.umd.edu/crbs/calendar.

Volunteering Vacation

The Chalfonte, known as "Cape May's Most Historic Bed and Breakfast Hotel," has volunteer work weekends from April through October. Since 1979 the Chalfonte has been affiliated with the University of Maryland School of Architecture graduate program. Volunteers work 10 hours, usually six on Saturday and four on Sunday, and mingle with adults dedicated to the preservation of a national historic landmark.

The Chalfonte is located at 301 Howard Street, Cape May, N.J. For more information, call (609) 884-8409.